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SUBJECT:1978 DOD - AOC ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYMPOSIUM

1. THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS PARTICI-
PATED WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF OLD CROWS (AOC) IN CONDUCTING
AN ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) SYMPOSIUM DURING THE PAST
EIGHT YEARS. THESE MEETINGS ARE THE PRINCIPAL FORUMS IN
WHICH DOD OFFICIALS DISCUSS THEIR MOST CRITICAL EW REQUIRE-
MENTS AND PLANS WITH US INDUSTRY. THEY ARE ATTENDED BY
REPRESENTATIVES FROM EW OPERATIONS, LOGISTICS, TRAINING,
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AND RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT, TESTING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES,
AND HAVE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN IMPROVING GOVERNMENT AND
INDUSTRY APPRECIATION OF BASIC OPERATIONAL EW PROBLEMS,
IN UNDERSTANDING THE LIMITATIONS AND POTENTIAL OF BASIC
TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNIQUES, AND IN PROPOSING IMPROVEMENTS
TO OUR SYSTEM ACQUISITION PROCESS. THE AOC PLANS TO HOST
THEIR 15TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AND TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM IN

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, ON 1-6 OCTOBER 1978. NATO NATIONS AS WELL AS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

2. FOR NATO: A. PLEASE EXTEND THROUGH SYG AND PERMREPS INVITATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND MOD TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THIS YEAR'S SYMPOSIUM. PLEASE ADVISE

THE SYG AND ASK THE PERMREPS TO ADVISE THE MODS THAT ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE U.S. SECRET OR EQUIVALENT SECURITY CLEARANCES CERTIFIED THROUGH THEIR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR FOREIGN ATTACHES.

B. REQUEST MISSION ACT AS NATO FOCAL POINT FOR DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING AGENDA, SCHEDULES, FEES, RESERVATIONS, HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, SECURITY CLEARANCES, AND OTHER PERTINENT ASPECTS OF THE EW SYMPOSIUM. INFORMATION RELATED TO THE ABOVE WILL BE FORWARDED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

C. APPRECIATE YOUR PAST EFFORTS TO DEVELOP NATO INVOLVEMENT IN THE TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM THROUGH SEPARATE SESSIONS. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION ON FULLY INTEGRATED BASIS AND PROPOSE NATO BRIEFINGS BE PRESENTED IN CONCERT WITH APPROPRIATE US UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENTATIONS IN SAME SUBJECT AREA. IN LIGHT OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP), IN PARTICULAR THE TASK FORCE ON EW AND ASSOCIATED RECOMMENDATIONS, SUCH PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE MOST MEANINGFUL.

D. BY SEPARATE MESSAGE, A SIMILAR INVITATION WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS. JCS WILL EXTEND AN INVITATION TO USDEL MC, AND THROUGH USDEL MC TO THE CHAIRMAN, NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE, AND APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF.

3. FOR CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON: REQUEST YOU EXTEND APPROPRIATE INVITATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S SYMPOSIUM IN LAS VEGAS, POINTING OUT THAT ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE U.S. SECRET OR EQUIVALENT SECURITY CLEARANCES CERTIFIED THROUGH THEIR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR FOREIGN ATTACHES. REQUEST YOUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES ACT AS THE FOCAL POINT FOR DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING AGENDA, SCHEDULES, FEES, RESERVATIONS, HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, SECURITY CLEARANCES, AND OTHER PERTINENT ASPECTS OF THE EW SYMPOSIUM. INFORMATION RELATED TO THE

ABOVE WILL BE FORWARDED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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